

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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Dear Mr. Elzey and Mr. Piccolo:

Thank you for your letter dated June 21, 2010, on behalf of Asset Leasing GmbH, Transocean Holdings LLC, and Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc. (collectively, "Transocean"), in response to the Attorneys General for the five Gulf Coast States. Therein, you stated that Transocean is taking the position that only certain state statutory and common law claims are affected by Judge Ellison's Amended Monition Order of June 14, 2010. You also indicated that Transocean would be willing to work with us on a case-by-case basis to attempt to reach an agreement as to which state law claims fall within the court's injunction.

Toward that end, the potential claims on behalf of the State of Mississippi would include all damages recoverable under the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law, our Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, and common law causes of action such as public nuisance, strict liability, negligence, trespass, and product liability. Please provide this Office with a written response indicating whether you contend these claims must be brought within the limitation action. If we do not hear from you by noon on Friday, July 2, 2010, we will assume that you disagree with the State's position that these claims are not subject to the court's injunction, and we will seek relief from the court.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Hood".

Jim Hood  
Attorney General